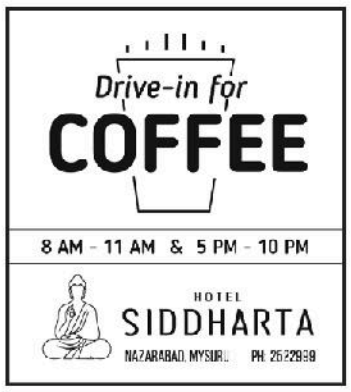

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Over 50 dead in Wayanad landslides

Wayanad (Kerala), July 30 (Agencies)- More than 50 people were killed and hundreds feared trapped after heavy rains triggered massive landslides in Wayanad, Kerala, bordering Mysuru District, this morning. 372 mm rainfall in the last 24 hours is said to have triggered the landslides.

Landslides were reported in several places including Mundakkai, Attamala, Chooralmala and Kunhome of Wayanad district. Following the incident the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) personnel accompanied by local Police have been conducting rescue operations. However, the personnel were facing hindrances owing to heavy rains and collapse of a bridge.

According to sources, the rescue workers have been able to save around 100 people so far and about 70 injured people are being treated at local hospitals.

District Collector D.R. Meghashree told mediapersons that apart from the deaths confirmed in Wayanad, the bodies of a few had floated in Chaliyar River into neighbouring Malappuram district.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed deep grief on his 'X' page and assured all possible help from the Centre in the wake of prevailing situation there.

The PM announced an ex-gratia of Rs. 2 lakh to the families of the deceased and Rs. 50,000 for the injured from Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF).

Meanwhile, Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi, who expressed his grief over the incident is likely to visit Wayanad tomorrow (July 31) along with his sister Priyanka Gandhi Vadra. He also spoke to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and enquired about rescue operations.

RED ALERT in Kodagu

Following massive rainfall in Wayanad, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued Red Alert in Kodagu district in Karnataka. The District Administration had issued Orange alert till yesterday evening and Yellow alert this morning. However, with Wayanad in Kerala receiving heaviest of rainfalls, the IMD has issued Red Alert in the district for the next two days. Fire and Emergency personnel conducted rescue operations at Kakotuparambu village in Virajpet after they received a flood rescue call. The personnel rescued six persons and shifted them to safe place. The inflow of water to Bhagamandala has also increased. Landslides were also reported at Peraje in Kodagu-Kerala border.

Respond to notice else MCC will shift abandoned vehicles to scrapyards

Mysuru, July 30 (RK&BCT)- The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has announced a crackdown on abandoned vehicles cluttering the city's roads, which are not only marring the city's aesthetic but also raising concerns about potential misuse and safety risks. The MCC will now trace the owners of these vehicles and issue notices. If the owners cannot be located, the vehicles will be towed and sent to scrapyards for dismantling.

Defunct vehicles, including cars, trucks and other four-wheelers, have become a common sight on roadsides, footpaths and narrow cross streets across the city. These abandoned vehicles obstruct traffic flow and pose safety hazards, particularly during rainy conditions and at night due to reduced visibility.

During a regular meeting of the MCC held this morning, chaired by Commissioner Ashaad-Ur-Rahman Shariff, it was decided to trace vehicle owners using registration plates, chassis numbers and data from the Road Transport Office (RTO).

Notices will be issued to the owners detailing the vehicle's location and giving them a deadline to remove their vehicles. Failure to comply will result in the MCC arranging for the removal of the vehicles to scrapyards.

The MCC's decision follows concerns raised by the Police in their communication regarding accidents caused by these abandoned vehicles.

(See MCC on page 7)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 30th July 2024

Mega Job Mela and blood donation camp in Nanjangud tomorrow

Nanjangud, July 30 (VNS) - As part of former MP late R. Dhruvanarayan's birth anniversary celebration, a mega Job Mela and blood donation camp have been organised at Mangala Mantapa and Mahadeshwara Convention Hall respectively in Nanjangud tomorrow from 9.30 am to 5 pm, said former MLA Kalale Keshavamurthy, here yesterday.

Addressing mediapersons, he said that Dhruvanarayan, who was closely connected with the people of Nanjangud, had contributed immensely for the development of the Constituency as a two-time MP and added that the late leader preferred to involve in social works instead of celebrating his birthday on a grand scale.

"Dhruvanarayan always worked to provide jobs for the youths and held job melas and blood donation camps on his birthday. Similarly, last year, when he passed away, job mela was organised during which about 517 youths were recruited by various companies," he added.

This year, about 125 companies will be taking part in the job mela. Candidates will be selected personally by the HR Managers depending on the company's requirements. Students having passed ITI, Diploma, Engineering, SSLC, PUC and any degree can take part in the job mela.

Meanwhile, the blood donation camp has been organised in association with Lions Club at Mahadeshwara Convention Hall.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

EFFORTLESS IS A MYTH: ***Delivering the Commencement Address at Dartmouth College Hanover, an Ivy League School, the tennis legend Roger Federer shared a few lessons with the Class of 2024. Having relied on these lessons through his career, Federer called them 'tennis lessons.' He hoped they would be useful for the graduates in the world beyond Dartmouth. The first lesson is captioned: "Effortless" is a myth.***

Dispelling the notion of 'effortless,' Roger Federer speaks, "I say that as someone who has heard that word a lot. 'Effortless.' People would say my play was effortless. Most of the time, they meant it as a compliment... But it used to frustrate me when they would say, 'He barely broke a sweat!' Or 'Is he even trying?' The truth is, I had to work very hard… to make it look easy. I got that reputation because my warm-ups at the tournaments were so casual that people didn't think I had been training hard. But I had been working hard... Before the tournament, when nobody was watching."

Doesn't Federer's experience resonate in our day to day lives? The world, except for close kin and associates, doesn't watch us toiling and sweating for our goals. Therefore, our accomplishments appear to people as a consequence of good fortune or inborn talent only.

Waxing eloquent, Roger Federer goes on to shatter the 'effortless' myth, "I didn't get where I got on pure talent alone. I got there by trying to outwork my opponents. Yes, talent matters. I'm not going to stand here and tell you it doesn't. But talent has a broad definition. Most of the time, it's not about having a gift. It's about having grit. Trusting yourself is a talent. Embracing the process, loving the process, is a talent. Managing your life, managing yourself... these can be talents, too. Some people are born with them. Everybody has to work at them."

This 'tennis lesson' strikes a chord in life universally. Aren't we sometimes baffled by the success of someone seemingly not having talent? Sometimes apparently talented persons fail to go far due to lack of 'grit' — an invisible quality not recognised as talent. To be highly accomplished person, you need to manage your life, and manage yourself. We embark upon an arduous journey to reach the destination of 'success.' Attaining success is difficult without embracing and loving 'the process.'

—Chander Gupta in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Married woman lives with hubby, boyfriend!

Tokyo: A Japanese man's personal life has recently become the talk of the internet after he revealed that he is perfectly ok with his wife of three years having a boyfriend and even bringing him into the family home.

Prince Soy, a young Japanese chef and blogger who promotes and sells additive-free okara granola online, has recently been drawing a lot of attention for very different reasons. On July 8th, he took to X (formerly Twitter) to announce that his wife Seira would be returning home after spending six months studying abroad and that she would be bringing her new boyfriend along. The controversial post quickly went viral, sparking a heated online debate about Prince Soy's marriage and the three-way relationship. The controversy didn't seem to bother the married man who actually documented the visit of his wife's boyfriend through short clips and multiple social media posts.

Man loses eye after swatting fly on his face

Beijing: A man needed to have his left eyeball surgically removed to prevent a bacterial infection from reaching his brain after swatting a drain fly on his face.

The man, surnamed Wu, killed the fly that was buzzing around his head by swatting it against his face. He thought nothing else of it, but only an hour later his left eye became red, swollen, and painful. As his symptoms worsened, the man decided to go to a local hospital where he was diagnosed with seasonal conjunctivitis.

Despite taking prescribed medication, his condition deteriorated rapidly and by the time he went to the hospital again, he had lost vision in his left eye almost completely and the area around his left eye had become severely ulcerated.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Infertility considered due to male factor when alteration in sperm concentration or motility or morphology is present in at least one sample of two sperm analysis.

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T.P. – Consultant – Urology & Andrology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

State-level KSRTC Shuttle Badminton tourney on Aug. 1

Mysuru, July 30- The second State-level Shuttle Badminton tournament of KSRTC, organised under the aegis of Mysuru's KSRTC Geleyara Balaga, will be held at Samruddhi Sports Academy, Bank Colony, Bogadi, on Aug. 1.

Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda will inaugurate the tournament, while MLC Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah will preside.

The valedictory will take place later in the evening on the same day, during which K.R. MLA T.S. Srivatsa will distribute prizes to the winners of the tournament.

More than 25 teams from the districts of Mysuru, Bengaluru, Tumakuru, Ballari, Haveri, Chikkamagalur, Shivamogga, Hassan and other places will be taking part in the one-day tournament, according to a press release.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **123.75 feet**	Today's level **2,284 feet**	Today's level **2,857.03 feet**
Last year's level **112.00 feet**	Last year's level **2,283.15 feet**	Last year's level **2,857.08 feet**
Yesterday's level **124.80 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,284 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,855.85 feet**
Today's Inflow **38,977 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **30,805 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **21,000 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **55,659 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **24,667 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **20,500 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Sparrows can be around 14 – 16 cm long.***
- ***Sparrows can fly at a fast speed of 38.5 km/hour and can reach up to 50 km/hour.***
- ***When nervous, house sparrows tend to flick their tails to ease out the tension.***
- ***House sparrows love to play with dust and soil.***
- ***Sparrows can live up to 4 to 5 years in the wild.***
- ***Male sparrows dominate over females during fall and winter, while females dominate during summer and spring.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Hostess (to a little girl at a party): Will you sit on my right hand, Vaneesa?
Vaneesa: If you wish, Madam. But won't you need to use it?

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 83.73**
1 UK Pound	= **Rs. 107.64**
1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 22.80**
1 Euro	= **Rs. 90.63**

VOICE OF THE READER

Defunct traffic signal at busy Vontikoppal junction

Sir,

I am writing to urgently bring to your attention a critical issue regarding the traffic signal at the Vontikoppal junction on the busy KRS Road and Temple Road. The signal at this major intersection has been non-functional for several days, posing a significant risk of accidents.

This junction is particularly busy, and the absence of a working traffic signal is creating confusion and increasing the likelihood of collisions. Despite the evident danger, it seems no action has been taken by the V.V. Mohalla Traffic Police Station — its office located right opposite the Circle — to address this critical safety concern.

I strongly urge the traffic authorities to prioritise this issue and take immediate steps to repair the defunct traffic signal. The safety of numerous drivers and pedestrians depends on the proper functioning of traffic control measures at this junction.

—Janhavi Kote
Yadavagiri
30.7.2024

Rotary Central Mysore donates Traffic Kiosk near Sadvidya

Rotary Central Mysore recently donated a Traffic Kiosk installed near Sadvidya School Circle in city. Assistant Governor Rtn. Chethan Vishwanath, Zone 7, RI Dist. 3181, who was the chief guest, is seen with Rotary Central Hon. Secretary Rtn. N. Umesha, Rtn. M.D. Praveen Pal, Rtn. Vivek Attavar, Rtn. M.S. Jayaprakash, Rtn. K. Ram Mohan, Rtn. Prem Sagar, Rtn. Kishor Kumar, Rtn. Suresh S Rao, Rtn. Kiran Shaan, Rtn. Dinesh, Rtn. Jyothi Ashok, Rtn.Vijayendra Srinivasan, Rtn. B. Sudhir Acharya, Rtn. S.R. Swamy and Rtn. R. Subramanya Tantri.

JSS Science and Technology Varsity gets DSIR-SIRO recognition

Mysuru, July 30- JSS Science and Technology University, Mysuru, has been recognised as a **Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (SIRO) by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR)** under the Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India.

The SIRO status enables JSS Science and Technology University to conduct indigenous research more effectively by providing exemptions from customs duty on research-related equipment, spares, accessories and consumables. This not only boosts the University's credibility within the scientific community but also facilitates increased support from government bodies and funding agencies for various research projects.

This recognition empowers faculty members and students to engage in cutting-edge research, addressing societal challenges and contributing to national development goals.

Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Executive Secretary, JSS Mahavidyapeetha and Dr. B. Suresh, Director of Technical Education, highlighted the potential of this recognition to inspire further excellence in research. Prof. A.N. Santosh Kumar, Vice-Chancellor and Dr. S.A. Dhanaraj, Registrar, expressed their gratitude for DSIR recognition, marking it as a significant milestone in the Varsity's dedication to research.

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Meghalaya CM, Dy.CM greet Governor-designate Vijayashankar in Delhi

Chief Minister of Meghalaya Conrad Sangma and Deputy CM Sniawbhalang Dhar greeting Governor-designate C.H. Vijayashankar with a bouquet in New Delhi yesterday as Meghalaya's Housing and Public Health Engineering Minister Marcuise N. Marak looks on.

Mysuru, July 30 (PM&BS)- Former Minister C.H. Vijayashankar, who has been appointed as the Governor of Meghalaya, was accorded a warm welcome by the Chief Minister of Meghalaya Conrad Sangma and Deputy Chief Minister Sniawbhalang Dhar in New Delhi on Monday.

They greeted Governor-designate Vijayashankar with a bouquet at Second Meghalaya House, Vasant Vihar, in the national capital. Meghalaya's Minister for Housing and Public Health Engineering Marcuise N. Marak was also present.

Speaking on the occasion, Vijayashankar, a resident of Mysuru said, he was committed to work towards keeping the decorum of the gubernatorial position and the faith of the President and the Prime Minister for providing the opportunity to serve as a Governor, to which he wholeheartedly thanked them.

"I have held various positions in public life, as I had served as Hunsur MLA in 1994 and later as Mysore Lok Sabha Member in 1998 and 2004, besides being the Minister in the Cabinet of Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, as a Forest Minister from 2010 to 2011," recalled Vijayashankar.

However, the Governor's post is above all, with which comes the responsibility of ensuring that the administration of the Government is in compliance with the Constitution.

"I consider such a huge opportunity bestowed on me, as the result of a good deed during my previous birth. Moreover, all these developments coinciding with the Vardhanti Mahotsava (birthday) of Goddess Chamundeshwari, with the Prime Minister informing me about the new role on the same day, succinctly proves it as the blessings of the deity," said Vijayashankar.

Community urged to preserve historic Kukkarahalli Lake

Mysuru, July 30 (SPN&TRR)- Members of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) and prominent citizens of Saraswathipuram have called upon the community to come together to retain and preserve the historic Kukkarahalli Lake, currently under the care of the University of Mysore.

The meeting, titled "Kukkarahalliya Prastuta Stitigati Haagu Sambhavaniya Sankashtagalu" (Current State and Potential Issues of Kukkarahalli), was led by City BJP President L. Nagendra and former Corporator Vedavathi at Sri Rama Mandira in Saraswathipuram recently.

He said that during BJP's tenure in power, he, as an MLA, allocated financial grants worth crores of rupees for development of the Lake, including providing a walking path, greenery and other enhancements.

"I also attempted to prevent the entry of UGD water into the Lake, but it was not possible due to technical reasons," he added.

He noted that despite recent heavy rains, the inflow of water to Kukkarahalli Lake remains very low. This is due to the development of various layouts in the city, such as Saraswathipuram, Kuvempunagar and Ramakrishnanagar, which have blocked the sources of water, including the Poornaiah Canal that historically facilitated rainwater flow into the Lake.

"We need to work towards clearing the encroachments of the canal so that water can flow into Kukkarahalli Lake," said Nagendra, assuring that he would collaborate with environmentalists, experts and social activists in this effort.

MGP member K.V. Bhanu Prasanth emphasised that MGP has been continuously advocating for the preservation of Kukkarahalli Lake and sought the cooperation of residents of Saraswathipuram and surrounding areas, as they would be the ones most affected if the Lake were to be compromised.

MGP members Vishwanath, Nataraj, Arunkumar Shetty, S.V. Shankar, Puroshotham and residents of Saraswathipuram, including H.R. Bapu Satyanarayana, C.V. Gopinath and Vasudevarao were present.

NEWS BRIEFS

Applications invited for PG courses

Centre for Information Science and Technology (CIST), University of Mysore, has invited applications for Master of Science in Information Technology (MSc IT) and Master of Science in Administration (MSA) courses. Late date for submitting the applications through online for the above course is Aug. 4. For details, contact The Director, CIST, Manasagangothri, Mysore on Ph: 0821-2419360 or visit: ***www.uompgadmissions.com*** according to a press release.

Woman run over by train

Mysuru, July 30 (KS)- Mysuru Railway Police, on July 28, have found a body of an unidentified woman who was run over by a moving train between Hanakere and Mandya Railway Stations and have shifted the body to MIMS Hospital mortuary in Mandya besides registering a case.

The deceased is aged between 40 and 50 years, 5 ft. tall, wheatish complexioned, normal built, oval faced, has tattoos on both her hands and was wearing a nose stud, earrings, toe rings, finger ring, brown coloured saree with red and pink coloured flowers and a red blouse with white flower design.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Mysuru Railway Police Station on Ph: 0821-2516579 or Mob: 94808-02122, according to a press release.

Man goes missing

Mysuru, July 30 (KS)- A 52-year-old man, who left his house on July 17 at about 11 am, has since gone missing.

The missing man is Fairoz, a resident of Ajju Nagar in Kesare, N.R. Mohalla. He is 5.2 ft. tall, oily red complexioned, normal built, oval faced, sports beard and moustache, can understand Kannada and Hindi, cannot speak, has suffered stroke to his left hand and leg and was wearing an orange coloured shirt and white night pant at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the missing person may contact N.R. Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418312 or call Police Control Room on Ph; 0821-2418339, according to a press release.

‘Corruption in MUDA peaked in 2021 during BJP tenure’

Vedike warns Opposition against unfairly targetting CM Siddaramaiah

Mysuru, July 30 (MTY&DM)- Rajya Hindulida Vargagala Jagruta Vedike President K.S. Shivaramu has alleged rampant corruption and maladministration within the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) during 2021, when the BJP Government, led by B.S. Yediyurappa, was in power.

Speaking at a public debate on MUDA scams organised by the Vedike and other groups near Gandhi Square in city yesterday, Shivaramu revealed that the Vedike had submitted a detailed complaint to the Government in 2021, along with supporting records and had called for a CBI investigation then into the allegations which however went unresponsive.

Shivaramu criticised the BJP and JD(S) for using MUDA scam as a tool to target Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, accusing them of seeking cheap publicity. He warned that if the BJP and JD(S) did not cease their campaign against Siddaramaiah, the AHINDA (Alpasankyatha, Hindulida, and Dalita) communities would revolt against them.

The Vedike had invited State BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra to participate in the public debate on July 26, but he did not attend. Shivaramu stated that the Vedike would not tolerate any attempts to unseat Siddaramaiah and condemned the Opposition for their repeated attempts to tarnish his image.

He cautioned that if the BJP and JD(S) continued to demand Siddaramaiah's resignation over the alleged MUDA scam and pursued their malicious campaign, they would face a backlash from the backward communities.

The event was attended by various leaders, including DSS leaders Chunchanahalli Mallesh, Rajashekar and Shivalingaiah, Minorities leaders Nasir and Rahim, Responsible Citizen Voice Vedike President M.F. Khalim, District Kumbara Sangha President H.S. Prakash, Madivala Association President Ravinandan, Uppara Sangha President Yogesh Uppar, Congress leader N.R. Nagesh, backward communities leaders Lokesh Madapura, Keshava, Sunil Narayan, Ravi Nazarbad, Manjula, Mangala, Malathi and others.

Rajya Hindulida Vargagala Jagruta Vedike President K.S. Shivaramu along with others seen during the public debate near Gandhi Square in city yesterday.

50:50 ratio MUDA site scam

RBI responds to Raghu Kautilya's letter cautioning banks on loans

Mysuru, July 30 (BCT)- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has responded to a letter from R. Raghu Kautilya, President of the State BJP OBC Morcha, regarding alleged large-scale irregularities within the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA).

Raghu Kautilya

In his letter, Raghu urged the RBI to conduct a thorough legal scrutiny to determine if the sites in question were sanctioned in accordance with MUDA's rules and regulations.

Raghu requested the RBI to review whether the sites or any properties purchased from such sites, were properly sanctioned when individuals approached banks for loans, offering these sites as collateral.

In light of the scam where MUDA sanctioned plots under questionable rules and regulations such as the allotment under the 50:50 ratio, Raghu appealed to the RBI to instruct banks and their branches to exercise caution while sanctioning loans.

He expressed concern that the irregularities in MUDA's site sanctioning could lead to future cancellations of these sites. He urged the RBI to ensure that banks take necessary precautions to safeguard their financial stability and protect the public's interests when dealing with such properties.

In response, the RBI has forwarded Raghu's request to the Consumer Education and Protection Department for necessary action to ensure transparency and compliance with regulatory standards.

‘Probe irregularities favouring political leaders since 1990s’

Mysuru, July 30 (MTY&DM)- Social activist Snehamayi Krishna has warned that he will take legal action if the State Government does not order a comprehensive investigation into the alleged MUDA irregularities and corruption dating back to the 1990s.

Speaking at a press conference yesterday, Krishna announced that he has complained to the Lokayukta, requesting an investigation into all MUDA irregularities since the 1990s. He urged the Government to initiate a probe, pointing out that numerous political leaders, officials, and influential individuals have significantly benefited from these irregularities and scams.

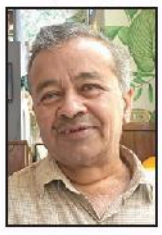
Krishna alleged that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had obtained 14 sites through his family members by creating fake documents, accusing him of direct involvement in the case where his wife, B.M. Parvathi, allegedly acquired land through irregularities.

Krishna claimed to have collected records related to the case and criticised the Chief Minister for challenging the allegations rather than addressing them.

Activist Bhanu Mohan also attended the press meet.

Obituary

C.R. Yoganarasimha



Mysuru, July 30- Yoganarasimha (60), retired head master and a resident of Veene Sheshanna Road, passed away following a heart attack in the wee hours of today at a private hospital in city.

He is survived by his wife Shashikala, children Suhas and Soujanya, brothers advocate and notary C.R. Seetharam and advocate C.R. Rajagopal and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Shambhu

Shambhu (70), of Super Menswear at Saraswathipuram and a resident of 7th Cross in Dattagalli, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at K.G. Koppal Burial Grounds this afternoon.

K.P. Nagendra

K.P. Nagendra (42), an employee of Zilla Panchayat Health Department and a resident of Hebbal, passed away on July 27 in city.

He leaves behind his mother, wife, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at his native place Kilagere on July 28.

Puttasiddamma

K.R. Pet: Puttasiddamma (75), wife of retired Railways employee late Dyavashetty and a resident of Basaveshwara Nagar in the town, passed away on Sunday.

She leaves behind son High Court Public Prosecutor M.D. Anurev, four daughters including Advocates Rani and Poornima, sons-in-law and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held in the town on Sunday.

Prathap Simha slams Dynastic Politics in Karnataka

Foresees Karnataka's political control by a handful of caste-based families

Bengaluru, July 30 (BCT)- Former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha raised a pressing but a very pertinent question about today's politics: "If political leaders worry only about their own children, who will take care of the children of other people, who also work for the party?" With this question aimed at family politics, adjustments and nepotism in Karnataka, Prathap Simha has pelted the first stone at the political hornet's nest of Karnataka.

Speaking at a book release event organised at FKCCI Auditorium by Sri Vagdevi Vidyavardhaka Trust, Vishwavani Books and Parishrama NEET Academy in Bengaluru last Saturday, Prathap Simha highlighted the legacy of former Chief Minister D. Devaraj Urs who nurtured other people's children and was admired as a real democrat and a Statesman.

In contrast, he said, the current leaders seem primarily concerned with advancing their own children's career. "If Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, former CM B.S. Yediyurappa, AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge and Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy are only worried about their own children, who will take care of other people's children and the children of the poor who also work for the party?" Prathap Simha asked.

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Simha further pointed out that leaders like Siddaramaiah, H.D. Deve Gowda, Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa and Yediyurappa rose from the grassroots level, which contributed to their stature as great leaders. But sadly they have forgotten about others who have come from grassroots level and are working for their respective parties.

"It's the same story in all political parties. **In the last Lok Sabha elections, the children of Ministers from the Congress and JD(S) were given tickets. Even the BJP is not an exception here. In our party, too, tickets were given to the children of several leaders, including former CM Yediyurappa.** Everyone is concerned only about their own children. If this continues, how will the children of those who really care about society and who have toiled for the party come forward? **If things go on like this, the politics of the State will be controlled by only a few families,"** he said with disappointment.

Prathap Simha also drew attention to other sectors, such as the film industry, literature and sports, where the children of achievers have not been able to match even 10 percent of their parents' success. Yet, the non-meritorious children are pushed forward denying opportunities to others.

However, he noted that in politics, influential politicians are grooming their children to follow in their footsteps, hoping that they too will become Ministers and Chief Ministers.

He urged journalists to address these issues through their writing, emphasising the role of journalism in bringing the truth to the public with a sense of social concern. "If journalism doesn't bring the truth to the people with social concern, who else can do it?" he asked.

Simha, who was a journalist before his political entry, concluded by acknowledging that many have encouraged him to write more. "If I ever start writing again, I will begin by scrutinising the BJP," he stated.

On politics in particular, he said, "I know everything about all the parties and their dealings. If we go to celebratory events with them, naturally we will acquire the same mindset. That's why I don't attend any parties with them."

Nine books were released on the occasion. Noted educationist and thinker Dr. Gururaj Karajagi, *Vishwavani* Editor Vishweshwar Bhat, journalist Ajit Hanumakkanavar, voice-over artist and creative concept writer Roopa Gururaj, journalists Kiran Upadhyaya and Shishir Hegde and others were present.

When Prathap Simha spoke about dynastic politics in Bengaluru, here in Mysuru some of our readers phoned to say that if Prathap Simha were to be an MP today the ongoing MUDA scam would have got a different dimension of expose and approach. His voice is missed at this critical time, they rued.

10 bagless days !

for 6th, 7th and 8th students

New Delhi, July 30 (Agencies)- The Union Education Ministry on Monday notified guidelines for implementation of bagless days for 6th, 7th and 8th standard students.

The guidelines were released on the fourth anniversary of the new National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 .

The NEP, 2020, had recommended that all students in classes 6 to 8 participate in a 10-day bagless period.

"The guidelines state that in these ten days, children will be given periodic exposure to activities outside school through visits to places such as monuments of historical, cultural and tourist importance, meetings with local artists and craftsmen, and visits to higher educational institutions in their village, taluk, district, or State."

The guidelines further stated that these bagless days will be encouraged throughout the year for various types of enrichment activities involving arts, quizzes, sports and vocational crafts.

It also suggested that a minimum of ten days or 60 hours of school time should be allocated to the activities for this programme, out of the over 1,000 hours spent by teachers and children in the school in a year.

"Ten bagless days activities can be accommodated in any number of slots in an annual calendar, with all the subject teachers being involved in developing the annual work plan," it stated.

All about Fake News you always wanted to know but hesitated to ask

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Global Village, a term coined in the 1960s, became a reality with the arrival of the Internet and the Web in the mid-1990s. It created a truly democratic platform, a vanity press, and an Infotopia (Information Utopia).

The advent of Web 2.0 in the mid-2000s, which enabled two-way interactions, allowing readers/users to comment and interact, significantly enhanced this digital landscape. It transformed the top-down information flow into a dynamic, user-generated content channel. **However, this shift also unintentionally led to a new reality: everyone feeling and believing themselves to be experts on anything and everything, creating and spreading their versions of reality and worldviews.** This phenomenon has ultimately consolidated and solidified the **post-truth** era, endangering democracies.

The post-truth era is real. It became "word of the year" by the Oxford Dictionary in 2016. Trump's election in the US and the Brexit referendum in the UK in 2016, **when objective facts were less influential than emotional appeal and personal belief,** led to the proliferation of its usage.

Truth is a very complicated concept. Philosophers have studied and debated about it. According to the widely accepted Correspondence Theory, **truth** is when words correspond to an accepted or mutually available reality that **can be examined and confirmed.** This is also a commonsensical understanding of truth. McIntyre, the author of the book ***POST-TRUTH*** says it is an assertion of ideological supremacy and attempt to **compel someone to believe something regardless of the evidence.** While it is not entirely new, the 21st century is seized by the post-truth era.

Social Media, Fake News and Journalism

Social media that emerged around 2005 facilitated by Web 2.0, has become a force for the good, bad and the ugly in our lives. And has exacerbated the post-truth era by spreading fake news and disinformation. As such we've all become vulnerable to compulsive overconsumption, as Anna Lembke says in her book ***Dopamine Nation.*** This addictive behaviour adds fuel to the Fake news fire.

While journalism and journalists benefit from interaction with, challenges and ideas from readers, over time, social media has become an addictive trap. The foundational logic of online interaction and clickbait algorithms favour emotional extremes. **Therefore, news sites began monetising clicks by feeding readers dopamine-inducing and titillating content for easy consumption.**

Ironically some of the famous quotes used to describe the phenomenon themselves are half-truths. **"A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes."** Ironically this saying has been falsely attributed to Mark Twain, Winston Churchill and Thomas Jefferson. It's most likely a twist on a Jonathan Swift line: **"Falsehood flies, and truth comes limping after it."** Likewise, the old **maxim of journalism: "If your mother says she loves you, check it out."** It is another quote which is a morphed version of the original.

There is no way that we can escape from this new emperor of malady of our times — FAKE NEWS. There is enough evidence to say that "false information can reach more people, penetrate more deeply into social networks and spread much faster than any time in history." A study done by Prevency, a German international consulting company for reputational risk and crisis management, found that **disinformation** costs the global economy $78 billion per year, including in share price loss, brand reputation management and investment in political disinformation camp.

Fighting Fake News: Tips & Tools for Fact-Checking

What can ordinary citizens do to combat falsity? Here are some tips and tricks to bust fake news:

Check the Source: Always verify the source of the information. If the source is unclear, pause and investigate further. **"Forwarded many times"** itself is a clue that indicates potential negative propaganda.

Be Wary of Forwarded Messages: Fake news can spread quickly through *WhatsApp*, leading to serious consequences. *WhatsApp* introduced the 'forwarded' & 'forwarded many times' tags to prompt users to critically reflect on the source of message before passing it on.

Corroborate the News: Compare the news with multiple credible sources to see if it is reported elsewhere.

Analyse Tone and Language: Tone and language can be easy give-aways of fake news. Recently, *WhatsApp* forwards falsely attributed favourable comments about Prime Minister Narendra Modi to a fictional Editor-in-Chief of *The New York Times*, Joseph Hope. *The New York Times* refuted these claims on its website. The tone and language of these forwards were clear indicators of fabrication.

Effective strategies to bust fake news

First Step - Pause and Search: When you encounter any news or posts, take a moment to pause and begin searching the web to check authenticity and corroboration.

Google Search - Basic Search: Often, a simple Google search will reveal whether credible sources such as news channels and media have corroborated the news. This helps minimise the risk of consuming and spreading fake news.

Fact-Checked Sources: A quick search can also lead you to fact-checked sources. For example, a viral video claiming suspects in the NEET paper leak case were hiding in a Congress Office was debunked by *India Today* Fact Check, which a simple Google search could reveal.

Parody Accounts: Verify the legitimacy of social media accounts. For instance, a parody account of a YouTuber falsely claimed that Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla's daughter cleared the UPSC exam without appearing for it. Checking the account details can often clarify such falsehoods.

Double-Check Social Media Accounts: Verify Twitter (X) handles, facebook accounts and other social media profiles. **Parody and fake accounts can easily spread misinformation.** For instance, YouTuber parody account mentioned above clearly states it is not affiliated with the original account.

Check Dates and Places: Be cautious of old videos or those from different geographies being passed off as recent events. For example, an old video from Assam was falsely attributed to Rahul Gandhi's visit to Manipur, which was debunked by *India Today* Fact Check.

Fact-Checking Websites: Given the enormity of fake news and the efforts and resources required to combat it, many initiatives, projects and companies have emerged to focus on fact-checking.

The **Reporters' Lab at Duke University,** a centre for journalism research in the **Sanford School of Public Policy,** maintains a database of 439 non-partisan fact-checking organisations worldwide.

The International Fact-Checking Network (IFCN), launched by the Poynter Institute in 2015, sets a code of ethics for fact-checking organisations. The IFCN reviews fact-checkers for compliance with its code and certifies those who pass the audit.

Global

1. Snopes *(https://www.snopes.com/)*. **2. FactCheck.org** *(https://www.factcheck.org/)*. **3. PolitiFact** *(https://www.politifact.com/)*. **4. Full Fact** *(https://full-fact.org/)*. **5. AFP Fact Check** *(https://factcheck.afp.com/AFP-India)*. **6. True Media** *(https://www.truemedia.org/)*.

India

1. BOOM *(https://www.boomlive.in/)*: BOOM is one of India's first and leading fact-checking websites, committed to providing readers with journalistically verified facts. **2. Digital Forensics, Research and Analytics Centre** (D-FRAC) *(https://dfrac.org/en/)*. **3. WebQoof. 4. Factly** *(https://factly.in/)*.

While interest and concern about fake news are on the rise, media houses in India are not making concerted efforts to combat it. For example, *India Today* is the only channel that has an in-house fact-checking initiative and team and it is also certified by the International Fact-Checking Network (IFCN). We, as citizens, also need to step up our efforts. By using these tools and following some essential tips, we can become adept at **identifying and debunking fake news.**

Not a beneficiary of 50:50 MUDA site scheme: MLC Vishwanath

MLC A.H. Vishwanath addressing a press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan here today as former ZP Vice-President A.S. Channabasappa looks on.

Mysuru, July 30 (BLU&DM)- Even as the mudslinging between the ruling Congress and the Opposition BJP-JD(S) combine in the State over the MUDA scam continues, BJP nominated MLC A.H. Vishwanath has rubbished allegations of the Chief Minister and other Congress leaders that he too is a beneficiary of MUDA, with the ownership of a site under 50:50 ratio scheme.

Addressing a press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan here this morning, Vishwanath, who is also a former Minister, said that CM Siddaramaiah seems to be worried, scared and lonely about MUDA and Valmiki Development Corporation scams as can be seen from his recent statements.

"Instead of putting MUDA back on the right track by cleansing the rot, the CM has been accusing others of being involved in the MUDA's 50:50 alternative sites allotment scam, which has caught the attention of the nation. Siddaramaiah is only mentioning the names of Opposition leaders such as G.T. Devegowda and others. **But I want to ask why he is hesitant to name his followers such as Hinkal Papanna and other Congress leaders who are the major beneficiaries of the scam,"** the MLC said.

Stating that as far as he knows CM Siddaramaiah is not corrupt, he wondered why the CM wants to lose his image just for the sake of a few sites and to shield his associates. "You say you do not have any black spot in your four-decade political journey. But I want to say here that your white *panche* is slowly getting tainted with black spots and if you do not wake up even now, your followers and others will completely paint it black," he said.

Asserting that Siddaramaiah is himself tarnishing his image by defending the land transactions and alternative sites allotment in the name of his wife Parvathi, Vishwanath questioned why the CM has not sacked Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh, when there is the example of another Minister B. Nagendra submitting his resignation over the Valmiki Development Corporation scam.

Accusing the CM of using the AHINDA tag for shielding himself from the multi-thousand crore MUDA scam, he questioned what was the responsibility of the CM, who also holds the Finance Portfolio, in the Rs. 187 crore Valmiki fund diversion scam.

Alleging that some unscrupulous elements have gained entry to the CM's Office, the MLC said these same elements are tarnishing the CM's image. **Charging that the previous MUDA Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar had issued some orders even on the night of the day he was transferred, he maintained** that former MUDA Commissioners Dinesh Kumar and Dr. D.B. Natesh were still doing transactions by sitting in the Office of the Urban Development Minister.

He further maintained that apart from himself and K.R. MLA T.S. Srivatsa, several Legislators from all major political parties are involved in MUDA irregularities.

'I am the Governor of my House'

When asked senior leaders like you and K.S. Eshwarappa too could have become Governors just as BJP leader C.H. Vijayashankar, who has been appointed as Meghalaya Governor, if they were not dissenters and outspoken, Vishwanath jokingly said 'I am the Governor of my House.'

Vishwanath's associate and former Mysuru ZP Vice-President A.S. Channabasappa was present at the press meet.

MCC will shift abandoned vehicles

(Continued from page 1)

Scrap vehicles parked on roadsides can be particularly dangerous for two-wheeler riders, who are at high risk of serious injuries.

Additionally, *Star of Mysore's* report on July 16 titled 'Car garbage' highlighted that such vehicles can become breeding grounds for disease during the monsoon season, with stagnant water attracting mosquitoes.

MCC to penalise owners of stray cows

In another move to address the problem of stray cows causing traffic disruptions in Mysuru, the MCC has decided to impose penalties on owners who leave their cattle on the streets.

Stray cows have become a significant nuisance, often blocking roads and contributing to traffic congestion. Many owners abandon their animals on the streets to save on feed and

space, exacerbating the issue.

Under the new policy, owners will face a fine of Rs. 1,000 for the first offence and Rs. 2,000 for the second offence. Should the stray cows be found on the streets again despite these penalties, the animals will be permanently transferred to the Mysore Pinjrapole Society and will not be returned to their owners.

Superintending Engineer K.J. Sindhu, DC (revenue) Dasegowda, DC (Administration) Kusuma Kumari, Zonal Assistant Commissioners, Health Officers, Development Officers and Environment Engineers were present.

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Rider killed as goods auto hits bike

Mysuru, July 30 (SBD&KS)- A two-wheeler rider was killed on the spot, when a goods auto allegedly hit his mobike near Hosahalli on Siddaramanahundi Road on Monday afternoon.

The deceased has been identified as Prabhuswamy (56), a resident of Vatalupura village in T. Narasipur taluk.

Prabhuswamy, who had gone to Pillahalli on some work, was on his way back, when the tragedy struck.

A goods auto hit the bike from behind near Hosahalli.

Following the impact of accident, Prabhuswamy fell off the vehicle and sustained serious head injuries and breathed his last on the spot.

Varuna Police, who rushed to the spot shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary for post-mortem. The body was handed over to the family members after post-mortem, according to Sub-Inspector Chethan. A case has been registered.

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Paris Summer Olympics - 2024

Manu Bhaker, Sarabjot Singh win bronze in Air Pistol mixed event

Paris, July 30 (Agencies)- Indian shooters Manu Bhaker and Sarabjot Singh won bronze medal in the 10-metre air pistol mixed team event held at Paris Olympics today. With this, India won its second medal at the ongoing Olympics.

Following today's medal winning performance, Manu Bhaker, became the first Indian to win multiple medals at a single Olympic game.

Bhaker, had won a Bronze medal in Women's 10-metre air pistol, held on July 28, opening the medal tally of the country.

Djokovic overpowers Nadal

Paris, July 30 (Agencies)- Once a fortress of Rafael Nadal, the Roland Garros was transformed into a stage for Novak Djokovic's brilliance at the ongoing Paris Olympics, yesterday.

Djokovic delivered a stunning performance, defeating Nadal in straight sets 6-1, 6-4 in the second round of the singles competition. This was shocking loss for Nadal, a two-time Olympic gold medallist and the 'King of Clay'.

Dubbed as the clash of titans, the match showcased Djokovic's exceptional form, leaving Nadal struggling to keep up. Djokovic, driven by his quest for his first Olympic gold, played with relentless precision that overwhelmed the Spanish icon, who was aiming for his third Olympic title.

From the first set, Djokovic's dominance was unmistakable. Nadal, usually unshakeable, found himself down 5-0 and couldn't find his rhythm. Though Nadal managed a brief comeback by holding serve for the first time in the sixth game, Djokovic quickly regained control and wrapped up the set with a masterful performance.

Djokovic, who had previously faced disappointment at the hands of Nadal in past Olympics, seized this chance to set things right. For Nadal, the defeat was a poignant moment, marking what could be his final appearance at the Olympics on a court where he once ruled.

As Nadal exited the court, blowing kisses to the Parisian crowd, the emotional weight of the moment was evident.

Harmanpreet saves India from defeat

Paris, July 30 (Agencies)- Indian captain Harmanpreet Singh scored a crucial goal just before the final whistle, earning the Indian team a hard-fought 1-1 draw against Argentina in their Pool B encounter at the Paris Olympics yesterday.

This late equaliser was a significant boost for India, who had been trailing since the second quarter when Argentina's Lucas Martinez opened the scoring.

Argentina's initial lead highlighted their offensive prowess, putting pressure on India's defence. However, Harmanpreet's successful penalty corner in the penultimate minute demonstrated India's resilience and tactical acumen, securing a valuable point at the Yves-du-Manoir Stadium.

The third quarter was particularly tense, with Argentina nearly extending their lead. Maico Casella Schuth's missed penalty stroke proved to be a turning point, allowing India to stay within striking distance.

India dominated possession with 55 percent of the ball and created 17 attacking circle penetrations, outpacing Argentina by four. Despite these advantages, India struggled to convert opportunities into goals, largely due to the impressive performance of Argentina's goalkeeper Tomas Santiago.

Following their 3-2 victory over New Zealand, India now sits third in Pool B with four points. With only the top four teams from each group advancing to the quarter-finals, every match is critical in their pursuit of Olympic success at Paris 2024.

Satwik-Chirag enter quarter-finals

Paris, July 30 (Agencies)- It was a mixed bag for Indian athletes at the Paris Olympics yesterday, but a shining silver lining lifted the spirits of the fans as the men's doubles badminton pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty clinched a spot in the quarterfinals.

This is no small feat, it's a landmark achievement not only for Satwik and Chirag but for Indian badminton as a whole. They have carved their names into Olympic history as the first Indian men's doubles team to reach this prestigious stage.

The turning point came yesterday with a critical match result: Lucas Corvee and Ronan Labar's defeat by Muhammad Rian Ardianto and Fajar Alfian in Group C. That loss was the game-changer that guaranteed the Indian duo a place in the top eight, setting the stage for the next thrilling chapter of their Olympic journey.

However, the story isn't over yet. Satwik and Chirag are gearing up for their final group match against Ardianto and Alfian today at 5:30 pm IST. This showdown will be pivotal, as it will determine their seeding and strategy for the quarterfinal clash at La Chapelle Arena on Aug. 1.

With their stunning performances so far, the badminton world is buzzing with anticipation. Fans across India are eagerly watching and cheering, excited to see how Satwik and Chirag will continue to dazzle on the court. The journey ahead promises more drama and excitement, and the Indian fans cannot wait to see what's next.

MYSORE RACES 2024

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

'GOLD RIDE' for Mysore Fillies Trial Stakes

Mysuru, July 30- Following are the selections for the 4th day of Mysore Summer Races to be held here on Wednesday - July 31, 2024:

1.	2.00 PM	THE KAGINELE PLATE	1400 mts. - rated 00 to 25 *1. INEXHAUSTIBLE 2. AGAINST ALL ODDS*
2.	2.30 PM	THE TROMBAY PLATE	1600 mts. - rated 60 and above *1. SPECTACULAR 2. CAVAROZZI*
3.	3.00 PM	THE TAKSHASHILA PLATE - DIV. II	1200 mts. - rated 20 to 45 *1. PERFECT EMPRESS 2. ARMAMENT*
4.	3.30 PM	THE SOMWARPET PLATE	1600 mts. - rated 20 to 45 *1. MASTERY 2. SERAI*
5.	4.00 PM	THE MYSORE FILLIES TRIAL STAKES	1400 mts. - rated 3 YEARS (TERMS) *1. GOLD RIDE 2. XAILY*
6.	4.30 PM	THE TAKSHASHILA PLATE - DIV. I	1200 mts. - rated 20 to 45 *1. SAINT EMILION 2. SILVER SPRING*
7.	5.00 PM	THE LOYAL PRINCE PLATE	1400 mts. - rated 40 to 65 *1. HEROISM 2. DYNAMIC FORCE*

DAY'S BEST: *GOLD RIDE*
DOUBLE: *1. MASTERY 2. HEROISM*
JACKPOT: *3, 4, 5, 6, 7* ***MINI JACKPOT:*** *4, 5, 6, 7*
I TREBLE: *2, 3, 4* ***II TREBLE:*** *5, 6, 7*
EXACTAS: *1 to 7* ***—Tipster PGC***

Adivasis have more knowledge about forests than babus: Ex-MP Prathap Simha

TIME, a short film on tigers screened at RamaGovinda Rangamandira in city

Mysuru, July 30 (SPN&BS)- Former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha has said, the adivasis (tribals) share an inimitable bond with the wild since their birth. He was speaking after inaugurating the screening of TIME - a short film, followed by an interaction programme, organised on account of Global Tiger Day celebrations, by Namma Wild Wonders, at RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishna Nagar in city yesterday.

Simha said "I was the MP of Mysuru-Kodagu Constituency from 2014 to 2024, during which, the Forest Officers were providing information related to the Man-Animal conflicts occurring at forest fringes, at the DISHA meeting. We had discussed about the measures to be taken to mitigate such incidents. But, it is normally believed that, Forest Officers have the responsibility of preventing wild animals from straying out of the forests in search of food, while the poachers are killing the animals in the forest. But, we cannot ignore the role of Forest Officers."

The Forest Officers posted in the wild prefer to lounge at the expense of Government, in Guest Houses allotted for their accommodation. They have failed in their duty to study scientific methods in conservation of forest and the ways to prevent wild animals, from straying out of the forest to urban areas in search of food, regretted Simha.

"More than the Forest Officials, tribals have more knowledge about the forest. I request the authorities concerned to involve them in conservation activities, after imparting suitable training to them," appealed Simha.

He also recalled the steps taken to create greenery in 43-km Outer-Ring Road (ORR) with the coordination of Forest Officers like Channabasappa and V. Karikalan, by planting over 8,000 saplings, including that of Neem, which have now grown into big trees. It is really pleasant to watch the beauty of those green cover during rainy season, added Simha.

"The ORR works taken up under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JnNURM) was completed during my tenure as a MP. When I was elected as a MP in 2014, the works had been half-completed, even after the deadline of the project. I exerted pressure on the Central Government and got the term of the project further extended up to three years and completed the ORR works," said Simha, recalling the arduous efforts behind the making of ORR.

Former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha inaugurating the screening of TIME, a short film on conservation of tigers, produced by Namma Wild Wonders and interaction programme, organised on account of Global Tiger Day celebrations, at RamaGovinda Rangamandira in city, yesterday.

He also suggested for giving more impetus to augmenting green cover of Mysuru, as a project conceived under Laksha Vruksha Yojane in Chamundi Hill, during the tenure of then District Minister S.T. Somashekar, was shelved, by the moment new Government came to power in the State.

Simha, also expressed his disappointment against Forest Officers for continuing with the British tradition of growing more number of teak trees in the forests, rather than growing bamboo, which shall prove handy in preventing the wild elephants from straying out of forests in search of food.

Lauding the initiative of Namma Wild Wonders, to produce a short film to prevent the poaching of tigers, that has indeed come out well, Simha praised the film crew. He also recalled the participation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in the Golden Jubilee celebrations of Project Tiger in the city, in 2023.

> "The idea behind making of this short film is to kindle interest on wildlife and create awareness on tigers, sending a message to the people on the occasion of Global Tiger Day."
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> **—L. Vinay, Director of TIME short film**

Secretary of Nrupatunga Vidyasamsthe Savitha P. Mallesh, Dr. Chandrashekar, former Chairman of Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Golf Club C.S. Ravishankar, artiste Raghavendra Boodanur, wildlife expert Somashekar, Rajesh, Raviprasad and Mahesh Prasad of Rangavalli Theatre Troupe and artistes of TIME short film were present.

Vision Document on Project Tiger in offing

Ample opportunities to double Tiger population in State: Ramesh Kumar

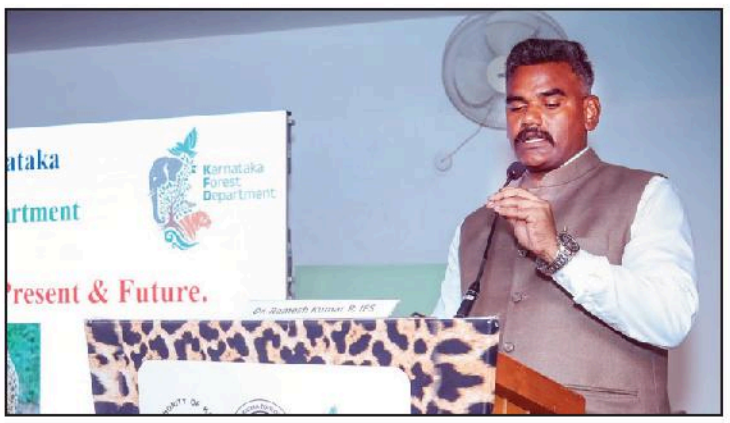
Mysuru, July 30 (SBD&BS)- Conservator of Forest (CF- Project Tiger) Dr. P. Ramesh Kumar, has opined about the possibility of doubling the population of tigers, in the available forest cover of the State.

Ramesh Kumar, shared his observations, while delivering the main address on the first day of a two-day seminar organised on account of Global Tiger Day-2024, at Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo), yesterday.

"There are five Tiger Reserves in the State including Bandipur, Nagarahole, BRT, Bhadra and Anshi in Dandeli, while there is a proposal for Kudremukh and Male Mahadeshwara Hills Tiger Reserves. During the Tiger Census conducted in the last two years, it has emerged that the number of tigers has increased by meagre 39. However, if we systematically use the available forest areas including the Tiger Reserves, there is a possibility to increase the population of big cats to 1,300," he said.

Four divisions

To realise the plan, we should create four divisions in State, that shall facilitate conservation of tigers in forests spread over 15 districts. Along with this, there are ample opportunities to sustain the forest cover, he added.



Conservator of Forest Dr. P. Ramesh Kumar.

The tiger population in the country is estimated at 3,682, with Karnataka's contribution being 15 percent of the total population. There is a need to build more Tiger Corridors that can boost their habitat, as we have witnessed the movement of tigers from Bandipur to Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary and from Nagarahole to Bhadra Tiger Reserve. We have to develop the corridors to facilitate the movement of tigers from Bhadra to Karwar and Kali Tiger Reserve, he suggested.

One lakh to mere 3,682

Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve in Western Ghats alone has about 800 tigers, comprising 334 tigers coming under Karnataka jurisdiction, 119 in Tamil Nadu and 80 in Kerala. Accordingly, we can form Units in State-level. It is said that, country had one lakh tigers a century ago, which gradually reduced to 40,000 by the time the country became independent. Three decades later, it further fell to 1,872, prompting the authorities to introduce Wildlife Conservation Act, 1972. In the later years, Project Tiger came into existence, which significantly contributed in increasing the tiger population to 3,682, said Ramesh Kumar.

Technology helpful

He attributed the transformation in the conservation of tigers to the incorporation of new technologies, including the Camera Trap, supported by Policies. Now onwards, there is a need to plan the activities further, but we should be aware of the hurdles that naturally come, during the upgradation of tiger conservation plans. However, while devising any project, we should involve the community and locals, especially tribals with whose cooperation, there is a possibility to achieve long-term success. Not many of those living in the forest fringes, shall be aware of its distinct qualities. To make them aware, outreach programmes should be planned in the limits of Project Tiger. The activities modelled after Yuva Mitra, which was successfully implemented in Bandipur, brings in more benefits, said CF Ramesh Kumar.

Financial adjustments

Following the cut in grants provided to Project Tiger, we have to make financial adjustments, that can be achieved by making environmental tourism activities more sustainable and popular. It is also possible in Project Tiger, as we are planning to bring out a Vision Document on Project Tiger in Karnataka, said Ramesh Kumar.

WORD OF THE DAY

Aspersion

Pronunciation: uh-SPER-zhun (Noun)
Meaning: To cast aspersion (or aspersions) on someone is to criticise them harshly or unfairly: aspersion is defined as "a false or misleading charge meant to harm someone's reputation, or the act of making such a charge." Aspersion may also refer to a sprinkling with water, especially in religious ceremonies.
Origin: "No sweet aspersion shall the heavens let fall / To make this contract grow." In this line from Shakespeare's The Tempest, aspersion literally refers to a sprinkling of rain, but figuratively means "blessing." Shakespeare's use is true to the heritage of the term: aspersion comes from the Latin word aspersus, a form of the verb aspergere, which means "to sprinkle" or "to scatter." When aspersion first appeared in English in the 16th century, it referred to the type of sprinklings (for instance, of holy water) that occur in religious ceremonies. But English speakers noted that splatters can soil and stain, and it wasn't long before aspersion was also being used for reports that stain or tarnish a reputation.
Example: "The policy makers who disparage and ridicule the arts are no better than students who whine 'When am I ever going to use this?' The ignorance in that aspersion is beyond comprehension. Take a minute and look around your room and identify just one item that is not influenced by art and design." — Roger L. Guffey, The Lexington (Kentucky) Herald Leader, 30 May 2024.

THE ODD WORD

Lisztomania

A need to listen to music all the time.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Still Waters Run Deep

Meaning: The phrase "Still waters run deep" describes a person who doesn't talk much and perhaps hides his complex thoughts on the matter.
Origin: There's a similar proverb in French: IL n'est pire Eau que l'eau qui dort. 'no water is worse than quiet water.'
Example: "Though she seldom expresses her thoughts in class, her still waters run deep."

QUOTE BOX

Ah, summer, what power you have to make us suffer and like it.

—Russell Baker

RIDDLE THIS

A cowboy rides into town on Friday. He stays three days, then rides out of town on Friday. How?

Answer: His horse is named Friday.

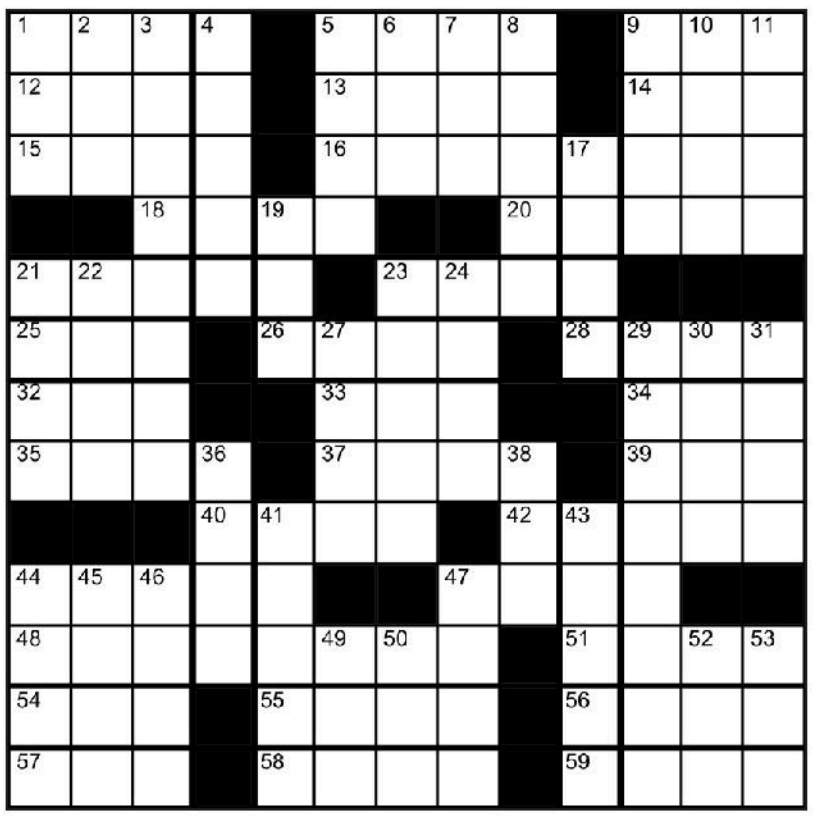
CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 A kind of festival
5 International Air Transport Assoc.
9 Video assistant referee in short
12 Karl ___ : the father of Communism?
13 Baby bed
14 Frozen water
15 Clubs or diamonds?
16 Loud confusion
18 Shape or condition
20 Roof worker
21 Abdomen or paunch
23 Org.
25 Air Transport Indicator
26 Famous school
28 Deuces
32 Aeronautical Telecommunications Network
33 Feldspar or bauxite
34 Ontario, in short
35 Pulls laboriously
37 Article
39 Radio Mgmnt. Unit
40 South Africa's Hashim ____
42 Propelled a boat?
44 Ostentatious
47 Crooked
48 Invariable
51 Present
54 Arab sleeveless garment
55 Boo or jeer?
56 Single digit
57 Mother in short
58 Hard drive interface
59 Birds lay them

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

G	A	R	B	■	I	B	I	S	■	S	E	A
A	L	I	A	■	M	A	R	T	■	K	I	N
S	T	O	L	■	P	Y	R	A	M	I	D	S
P	A	T	C	H	E	S	■	T	E	N	■	■
■	■	■	O	I	L	■	S	U	N	D	A	E
A	G	E	N	T	■	T	O	E	■	E	I	S
P	U	N	Y	■	M	A	P	■	H	E	A	P
O	R	T	■	O	L	E	■	J	A	P	A	N
D	U	E	N	N	A	■	S	I	N	■	■	■
■	■	R	O	C	■	V	A	G	U	E	L	Y
S	P	I	N	A	W	E	B	■	M	L	I	I
T	U	N	■	L	E	N	O	■	A	S	A	P
M	P	G	■	L	E	T	T	■	N	A	M	E

DOWN
1 Flight Mgmnt. Sys.
2 Water in France
3 Paltry
4 Praise
5 Weapon in a silo, for short
6 Flightboard abbr.
7 Uncle in Spain
8 Borders on
9 Small medicine bottle
10 Dull pain
11 Raise
17 Clue or tip
19 Cereal grass
21 A false biblical god
22 You too in Latin (2,2)
23 Main artery
24 Cut, snicker - "seen" anagram?
27 Hard work
29 Bothering or vexing
30 This one's __ __ : I'll pay the bill? (2,2)
31 Fastener
36 Wood cutting tools
38 Cut down
41 Legends or epics
43 Quarrel
44 Con
45 Tramp or loiterer
46 Kerala festival
47 Indian wheaten flour
49 Angle-of-attack, abbr.
50 ___ true : false ?
52 Illustration or representation, in short?
53 Time To Station, abbr.



SUDOKU

	9	5		8	1			
		6					2	
					2		4	
		3	5					4
	1						5	
4					7	3		
	3		2					
	8					1		
			1	4		7	6	

Answer to previous puzzle

2	9	4	3	8	6	7	5	1
3	5	7	1	2	4	6	9	8
6	8	1	5	9	7	2	3	4
8	2	5	9	7	1	3	4	6
7	6	9	4	3	2	8	1	5
1	4	3	8	6	5	9	2	7
4	3	2	6	1	8	5	7	9
5	7	8	2	4	9	1	6	3
9	1	6	7	5	3	4	8	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

DSQ MFSG YJSYRJ GFHB DSQ'IJ GPRRPZA BS

VPAFB VSI GFJZ DSQ VPAFB DSQI VIPJZNM

TODAY'S CLUE: A EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The only thing you take with you when you're gone is what you leave behind.

Rotary Midtown fetes Doctors

The doctors, who were felicitated by Rotary Mysore Midtown at Rotary Centre on JLB Road in city recently marking Doctors' Day celebrations — *(sitting from left)* ***Rtn. Dr. Raghu, Rtn. Dr. Karthik Udupa, Rtn. Dr. Prahlad, Rtn. Dr. Amarlal, Rtn. Dr. Ravindranath, Rtn. Dr. Manu Prasad and Rtn. Dr. Kumar — are seen with*** *(standing from left)* ***Rtn. Abhilash, Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, Mysuru, Medical Superintendent Dr. K.S. Sadananda (chief guest), Club President Rtn. Kumara Swamy, Hon. Secretary Rtn. Elizar Milton and Vocational Service Director Rtn. Naveen Chandra.***

MOVIE LOVERS

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  Raja Huli (K) 4 Shows

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Deadpool & Wolverine (E-3D)	(S-1)	8 am, 10.40 am
Raayan (Ta)	(S-1)	1.20 pm, 4.10 pm, 7 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	10.35 am
Raktaksha (K)	(S-2)	10.30 am
Bad Newz (H)	(S-2)	12.50 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (Te)	(S-2)	3.35 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (K)	(S-2)	7 pm
Level Cross (Ma)	(S-2)	10.25 pm
Bad Newz (H)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 4.15 pm
Roopantara (K)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Family Drama (K)	(S-3)	7.10 pm
Rudraveena (Te)	(S-3)	10.10 pm
Deadpool & Wolverine (E-3D)	(S-4)	1.30 pm, 4.15 pm, 7 pm, 9.45 pm

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Roopanthara (K)	(S-1)	10.35 am; (S-4) 4.35 pm, 9 pm
Love Li (K)	(S-1)	1 pm
Kenda (K)	(S-1)	3.50 pm
Family Drama (K)	(S-1)	6.25 pm
Vidyarthi Vidyarthiniyare (K)	(S-1)	9.15 pm
Deadpool & Wolverine (E-3D)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 7 pm
	(S-3)	1.25 pm, 4 pm, 9.20 pm
Raayan (Ta)	(S-2)	1.15 pm, 4.10 pm, 9.30 pm
	(S-3)	6.30 pm; (S-4) 10.30 am
Kalki 2898 AD (K)	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Rudraveena (Te)	(S-4)	7 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

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Deadpool & Wolverine (H-3D)	:	9.50 am, 3.55 pm, 9.45 pm
Deadpool & Wolverine (E-3D)	:	10.50 am, 12.45 pm, 1.45 pm, 4.40 pm 6.50 pm, 7.35 pm, 10.30 pm
Deadpool & Wolverine (Ta-2D)	:	11.45 am
Deadpool & Wolverine (H-2D)	:	10 pm
Raayan (Ta)	:	9.55 am, 1 pm, 4.05 pm 7.10 pm, 10.15 pm
Bad Newz (H)	:	10 am, 1 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Level Cross (Ma)	:	10.40 am, 10.10 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	10.50 am
Twisters (E)	:	1.15 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (H)	:	2.40 pm, 6.20 pm
Family Drama (K)	:	4 pm
Kill (H)	:	4 pm
Roopanthara (K)	:	7.05 pm

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Deadpool & Wolverine (E-3D)	:	9.20 am, 10.20 am, 12.15 pm 1.15 pm, 3.10 pm, 4.10 pm, 6.05 pm 7.05 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm
Raayan (Ta)	:	9.25 am, 12.30 pm, 3.35 pm 6.40 pm, 9.45 pm
Bad Newz (H)	:	10.20 am, 4.40 pm
Raja Huli (K)	:	1.20 pm
Level Cross (Ma)	:	7.40 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (K)	:	10.15 pm

INOX — LIVE the MOVIE

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Deadpool & Wolverine (E-3D)	:	8.55 am, 10.20 am, 1.15 pm, 4.10 pm 6.05 pm, 7.05 pm, 10 pm
Deadpool & Wolverine (H-3D)	:	3.10 pm
Deadpool & Wolverine (Te-3D)	:	9 pm
Raayan (Ta)	:	10 am, 1.05 pm, 4.10 pm 7.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	11.35 am
Kalki 2898 AD (K)	:	12.15 pm
Roopanthara (K)	:	3.55 pm
Family Drama (K)	:	7.10 pm
Bad Newz (H)	:	10.20 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Mob: 9606976757

Bad Newz (H)	:	10 am, 4.15 pm
Raayan (Ta)	:	10.05 am, 1.10 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Deadpool & Wolverine (E-3D)	:	10.30 am, 1 pm, 1.30 pm, 3.55 pm 4.30 pm, 6.50 pm, 7.30, 9.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Raktaksha (K)	:	11.10 am
Kenda (K)	:	1.45 pm
Sanketh (K)	:	4.45 pm
Devadoothan (Ma)	:	7.20 pm
Level Cross (Ma)	:	10.10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (JULY 30)

- **Sri Avadhoota Datta Peetham and Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram, Mysuru:** 21st Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha by junior pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji, Chaturmasya Discourse on Sri Brahmanda Purana, Universal Prayer Hall, Ashram premises, Dattanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Vidyavardhaka Sangha (VVS) and Vidyavardhaka Composite PU College, Mysuru:** Inauguration of Students Union and Felicitation programme, Swami Sarvajayanandaji of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru, graces the occasion, VVS Hon. President Gundappa Gowda presides, Hon. Secretary P. Vishwanath, Hon. Treasurer Shreeshaila Ramannanavar and Hon. Executive Committee Member Abdul Jameel, guests of honour, Sri P.M. Chikkaboraiah Auditorium, College premises, Seshadri Iyer Road, **3 pm.**
- **Simon Exhibitors:** 'Karnataka Sambhrama-50,' Mega Consumer Expo marking golden jubilee of renaming the Mysore State as Karnataka, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **4 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Sri Shivarathreeshwara Mahila Samaja, Mysuru:** Sri Pandit Ganayogi Panchakshara Gawai and Sri Ganayogi Pandit Puttaraja Gawai memorial programme, Vachana Sangeethotsava by K. Anandakumar, disciple of Puttaraja Gawai and AIR & Doordarshan artiste, JSS Practising Primary School auditorium, Swimming Pool Road, Saraswathipuram, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JULY 31)

- **Sri Avadhoota Datta Peetham and Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram, Mysuru:** 21st Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha by junior pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji, Srichakra Puja, Maha Ganapathy Homa, Kumkumarchana to Sri Rajarajeswari Devi, **9 am;** Chaturmasya Discourse on Sri Brahmanda Purana, Universal Prayer Hall, Ashram premises, Dattanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Vijaya Vittala Composite Pre-University College, Mysuru:** 'P.T. Narasimhachar - Kavi Kavya Namana' programme, Dr. Santosh Chokkadi, Principal, Govt. PU College, B. Matakere, chief guest, Vijaya Vittala Educational Institutions Hon. Secretary R. Vasudev Bhat and College Principal H. Satyaprasad, will be present on the occasion, College auditorium, Saraswathipuram, **9.30 am.**
- **University of Mysore (UoM) Retired Employees Federation, Mysuru:** Inauguration of Federation's new building, Prof. S.R. Niranjana, Vice-Chairman, Karnataka State Higher Education Council, Bengaluru, inaugurates, Federation President Dr. K. Mahadev presides, UoM Registrar (Administration) V.R. Shylaja, chief guest, UoM Finance Officer K.S. Rekha and Syndicate Members Dr. J. Shilpa & Mahadeshu, special invitees, Crawford Hall premises, **10.30 am.**
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